

*As Amended*  
pressing a menu key.

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1 (Once amended) A digital imaging device comprising:

an imaging device for capturing image data;

a memory coupled to the imaging device for storing the image data as captured images;

a display for displaying a captured image;

a processor coupled to the imaging device and to the memory for controlling operation of

*AB* the digital imaging device and for operating the image<sup>img</sup> device in at least two operating modes;

at least one overlay bar displayed on the display, the at least one overlay bar including a translucent background and a combination of mode-specific status information and interactive instructions, wherein the interactive instructions automatically guide a user through a mode-specific operation; and

a set of soft keys, wherein the at least one overlay bar further displays soft key labels to indicate which one of a plurality of functions is assigned to the corresponding soft key, wherein in response to a user pressing a first one of the soft keys, the processor applies the function assigned to the first one of the soft keys to a first captured image.